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# Rep. Shuler Protects Consumers through the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights & Upholds 2nd Amendment

WASHINGTON, DC – Yesterday, U.S. Representative Heath Shuler (D-Waynesville) affirmed his support for the 2nd Amendment by voting for a provision that would let law-abiding citizens carry firearms in national parks and wildlife refuges in compliance with the law of the state in which the park or refuge is located. This legislation passed in the Senate on May 19th and passed in the U.S. House 279-147 on May 20th.

Included as an amendment to H.R. 627, the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009, this 2nd Amendment provision unifies regulations in national parks and wildlife refuges around the country, putting an end to a patchwork system of regulation. At this time, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management permit carrying of firearms, but the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (which controls wildlife refuges) do not.

"I believe the Second Amendment provides for a fundamental personal right to keep and bear firearms, and I am committed to protecting this right from any intrusive legislation or action by the Federal government," said Rep. Shuler following the vote.

The provision regarding firearms was added to the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights in the Senate. The House affirmed its support for the Senate version after originally passing the measure on April 30.

The Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act increases consumer protections against unfair, deceptive, and anti-competitive credit card practices. Among other protections, the legislation imposes a 45-day advance notice for credit card account rate increases.

"The Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights is an important step in America's economic recovery process," Rep. Shuler remarked. "These regulations will help American consumers feel more secure in their financial futures."

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